

HOUSE No. 1856

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing economic opportunities for greyhound racetrack employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
David B. Sullivan	6th Bristol
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Jay R. Kaufman	15th Middlesex
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James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PROVIDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREYHOUND RACETRACK EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 69 the following section:-

Section 70. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund known as the Greyhound Workers' Re-Training and Support Fund which shall not be subject to further appropriation. Through December 31, 2010, all monies available through and generated by the Greyhound Promotional Trust Fund and the Greyhound Capital Improvements Trust Fund established pursuant to section 12A of chapter 494 of the acts of 1978 shall fund the Greyhound Workers' Re-training and Support Fund.

The state treasurer, ex officio, shall be the custodian of the trust fund and shall receive, deposit and invest all monies received (1) under the provisions of section 5 of chapter 128A; (2) from public and private sources as gifts, grants and donations to further assist displaced commercial dog track workers; and (3) any interest earned by the fund. Any amount of the fund unexpended as of December 31, 2012 shall be deposited in the General Fund.

SECTION 2. Subsection e(3) of section 5 of chapter 128A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the words "Greyhound Promotional Trust Fund, under the direction and supervision of the state racing commissioners as they are individuals as trustees of the trust" and inserting in place thereof the words:- Greyhound Workers' Re-Training and Support Fund.

18 SECTION 3. Subsection g of section 5 of chapter 128A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
19 striking the words “, and the Greyhound Capital Improvements Trust Fund and the Greyhound
20 Promotional Trust Fund, each established pursuant to section 12A of said chapter 494”.

21 SECTION 4. Chapter 128C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking in all instances the words
22 “a sum equal to one-quarter of one per cent of the total amount wagered shall be paid to the Greyhound
23 Promotional Trust Fund under the direction and supervision of the state racing commissioners” and “a
24 sum equal to one-quarter of one per cent of the total amount wagered shall be paid to Greyhound Capital
25 Improvements Trust Fund under the direction and supervision of the state racing commissioners” and
26 inserting in place thereof:- a sum equal to one-half of one per cent of the total amount wagered shall be
27 paid to the Greyhound Workers’ Re-training and Support Fund.

28 SECTION 5. The Department of Labor shall establish a Greyhound Workers’ Re-Training and Support
29 Program. The Department shall assess the needs of employees of greyhound racing tracks in the
30 Commonwealth, and the employees of directly affiliated businesses in the Commonwealth. The
31 Department shall provide assistance to such employees, which may include tuition assistance, direct
32 financial support, or other professional or educational training assistance.

33 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.